

## **Additional team member added to the assessment team for the MSC Year 4 Surveillance**

### **Dee Estuary Cockle Fishery**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders that we intend to have Dr. Hugh Jones join the MSC Year 4 Surveillance assessment team. Hugh will join Dr Jo Gascoigne on the site visit which is due to take place in Buckley, Flintshire, UK on the 7th December 2016 and will contribute to the Principal 2 aspects of the assessment.

#### **Dr. Hugh Jones**

Hugh obtained his PhD in Australia investigating the bioaccumulation of mercury in estuarine food webs and the effects on human health, following a BSc. (Hons) in Marine Biology from Plymouth University.

He has a broad background in marine research including publications and reports on ecotoxicology, environmental risk assessments and fisheries research. Prior to joining MEC he was employed by the University of Tasmania as a fisheries scientist in the development of an empirical harvest strategy for the commercial abalone fisheries and fisheries assessments of estuarine bivalves. This included work on population metrics (recruitment, growth), harvest dynamics (catch rates, market selectivity), and the use of fine scale geo-spatial techniques as performance measures to assess stock sustainability.

He is a contributing author to the Status of Australian Fish stocks for Tasmanian abalone and shellfish fisheries. Hugh currently works as the Fisheries Assessment Manager for MEC.

A full CV is available upon request.

MEC is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on this change or on the assessment of this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald ([gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com](mailto:gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com)) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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